



**Welcome to the
Kent Grammar School Tests
information meeting.**

Secondary School Places

- Just go to Kent Online Admissions
www.kent.gov.uk/ola
- Apply online simple, fast and secure way to apply for a secondary school place in Kent.
- Opens 9am on 1 September 2020
- Closes at midnight on 31 October 2020

So why do we need to consider this now?

The Kent Test

- Your child does not need to take the tests unless you (and they) are interested in a grammar school place.
- Unlike in the past, your child may now sit the tests and receive their results prior to applying for secondary school places.
- As a school we are here to support you through this process, but we cannot coach children for the test.

How Do I Register?

- Please see the leaflet provided
- You can register on-line or by paper copy
 - On-line registration please go to:
www.kent.gov.uk/ola
 - Paper copies can be requested by: Ringing
03000412121
 - Emailing kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Key Dates

Registration opens: 1st June 2020

Closing date to register: 1st July 2020

- Test date: 10th September 2020 (Originally scheduled)
- Results emailed/posted: *Unknown*
- SCAF closing date: 31st October 2020
- National offer day: 1st March 2021

The Test

- The tests are multiple-choice with a separate answer sheet. They are marked by an automated marking machine.
- 1st Test English and Maths paper and will take 1 hour. Each section will involve a 5 minute practice exercise followed by a 25 minute test.
- The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills.

2nd Test

- This will be a reasoning paper. It will take about 1 hour, including the practice sections and questions. It will contain a verbal reasoning section and a non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length. The nonverbal reasoning will be split into short sections, administered and timed individually.

3rd Test

- There will also be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local Headteacher panel. 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes planning time.
- The Kent Test familiarisation booklet gives a description of the different parts of the test and advice on approaching the types of questions asked.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/schoolplaces/kent-test>

Results Day

- By email: If you registered online you will be emailed your child's results after 4pm.
- Online: You can login after 5pm to view your child's results and scores online
- By post: Results will be sent out by first class post on 8th October 2020 (?)
- From school: Test scores are available from 9th October 2020 (?)

The Results

- Your child will get three standardised scores, 1 for English, 1 for maths and 1 for reasoning.
- Standardisation is a statistical process which compares your child's performance with the average performance of other children in each test. A slight adjustment is made to take into account each child's age so that the youngest are not at a disadvantage.
- The score ranges for 2020 will be published later this year.
- To be given a grammar school assessment, children need to get a total score of 323 or more, with no single score lower than 107.

Results Day

- If you share the scores with your child please ensure they do not share with others
- If they are not deemed suitable for grammar school, please use this language with them and celebrate their achievement in taking the test
- If your child goes through via a Headteacher appeal they were deemed suitable for grammar with more thorough examination. So this is the same as passing the test

Headteacher Appeals

- On occasions the school may decide to appeal for your child if they did not reach the threshold
- Appeals will be only made if: - we feel your child is suited to grammar school - their marks are not really low unless specific circumstances



Any questions?